restrictions. However, most of the components/sub-systems required for these systems have either been indigenised or are in the process of indigenisation. As regards the space programme, efforts have been initiated for indigenisation of electronic components and special materials.

Target Fixed for Setting up of Food Processing Industries

*76. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the target for setting up of food processing and agro-industries in the Eighth Five Year Plan ;

(b) what is the detailed plan outlay, State-wise ;

(c) what would be the scope of employment ; and

(d) what is the share of Maharashtra in it and what special initiative would be given for economically backward regions of different States for setting up of food processing industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (d) While no physical target has been fixed for all types of food processing industries that are likely to be set up during the 8th Plan, it is estimated that the installed capacity of fruits and vegetable processing industries is likely to increase from 9.5 lakh tonnes to 20 lakh tonnes during the 8th Plan. About 200 numbers of resource specific deep sea fishing vessels would be introduced in the Indian EEZ for additional marine fish production of 3.5 lakh tonnes from the deep sea sources. In addition, it is envisaged that, amongst others, 15 integrated sheep, goat and rabbit meat processing plants, 30 integrated poultry processing plants, 10—15 fish processing plants and 250 rural food processing training centres are likely to be set up during the Plan period. Since majority of the food processing units are likely to come up in the private/joint/assisted sector and their location would depend upon the raw material availability, infrastructural and other factors, no State-wise distribution is indicated. With the projected total investment of approximately Rs. 12,000 crores in the food processing sector, estimated direct and indirect employment generation during the Plan period will be about one million man years. Besides the usual incentives provided by the Central and State Governments for setting up industries in the backward areas, plan schemes relating to assistance for establishing or upgrading fruits and vegetable processing units and schemes for development of pork processing, sheep, goat and rabbit meat processing and poultry and egg processing have been formulated. Higher amount of assistance is proposed to be provided from Central Government for such units being set up in the backward regions of the country.

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*77. डा० **बापू कालदाते** : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कई देशों ने भारत के साथ मिलकर सैनिक अभ्यास करने का प्रस्ताव किया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) भारत ने अब तक किन-किन देशों के साथ संयुक्त सैनिक अभ्यास किया है और उससे कितना लाभ पहुंचा है; और

(घ) निकट भविष्य में भारत किन-किन देशों के साथ संयुक्त सैनिक अभ्यास करने का विचार रखता है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार): (क) से (ग) अभी हाल के वर्षों में भारतीय नौसेना ने इंडोनेशिया, आस्ट्रेलिया, फ्रांस, ब्रिटेन तथा अमरीका

को नौ सेनाओं के साथ संयुक्त अभ्यास आयोजित किए हैं। इस प्रकार के अभ्यास हमारी रक्षा सेना के कार्मिकों में आत्मविश्वास बढ़ाने तथा अत्याधुनिकी प्रौद्योगिकियों की जानकारी हासिल करने की दृष्टि से उपयोगी हैं।

(घ) निकट भविष्य में संयुक्त अभ्यासों का कोई कार्यक्रम नहीं है।

Sick Textile Mills in Andhra Pradesh

*78. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of textile mills that are sick and closed in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) what are the reasons for the closure ; and

(c) what rehabilitation steps have been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) to (c) As per information supplied by BIFR, number of sick mills in Andhra Pradesh is eight. Number of closed mills in Andhra Pradesh is nine as on 31-5-1992. Out of nine mills, 5 mills are closed due to financial problem, and the others due to reasons like fire accident, labour problems, want of qualified persons etc.

Government have created a Nodal Agency/BIFR to evolve and manage Rehabilitation Package in respect of sick/closed textile mills. Textile Modernisation Fund has been established to meet the modernisation needs of the mill. Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund has been set up to provide interim relief to the workers rendered jobless due to permanent closure of a mill.

Slashing Down of Budgetary Support to NTC Mills

*79. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have slashed down the budgetary support to NTC mills and its subsidiaries ;

(b) if so, in what manner are they managing their finance and operations ;

(c) whether redeployment of labour policy is worked out in any National Textile Corporations Mills ; if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(d) whether any time frame has been worked out for loss making units to break even or for closing down ; if so what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Budgetary support to NTC towards reimbursement of its cash losses has been reduced to Rs. 54.80 crores during 1992-93 from the level of Rs. 73.00 crores during 1991-92.

(b) NTC mills are working with lower working capital which has led to a reduction in their capacity utilisation.

(c) and (d) An action plan submitted by NTC involves its restructuring, modernisation and rationalisation of its labour and envisages its turn around within three years.

Meeting of the N.D.C.

*80. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the National Development Council was held in May, 1992 ;

(b) if so, what was its agenda ; and

(c) the decisions arrived at on those items ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The draft Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97) document.